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Count it your good fortune—if you need RELIABLE Furs—prices have dropped with the mercury. Your chance to profit and keep warm, too.

Mink Sets easily worth \$70 at.....	\$45	Real Black Lynx Scarfs, \$15 AND \$20 and \$25 values,.....	\$18
Mink Sets that were \$85 at.....	\$55		
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Make it a point to investigate these offers.

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A large variety of borders and sizes, Acknowledgement Cards, something new, sold at

JACKSON'S BOOK SHOP, 986-988 MAIN STREET

50-54 Cannon St. Model Food Market Cannon St.

Fish Dept.

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FRESH CODFISH
LARGE HERRING
BOSTON BLUE

HALIBUT STEAKS 12c lb
COD STEAKS 15c lb
HARBOR BLUEFISH 10c lb
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Also Sea Trout, Weakfish, Green Halibut, Eels, Smelts, Perch, Boiled Lobsters, Long and Round Clams, Smoked and Salt Fish, Etc.

INQUEST INTO CITY BUDGET CONCLUDED

Yellow Mill Bridge Can't Carry Load of Brick Pavement.

Little Towns Contribute Nothing to Support of Probate Court — Four Road Rollers Wanted, One Recommended.

The Board of Apportionment finished its public hearings, last night, with the exception of hearing tomorrow night, upon the question of granting \$12,000 to continue the obnoxious 20 year water contract.

Judge Nobbs told the board that the towns of Trumbull, Easton and Monroe had not paid anything toward the support of probate court since 1870 although they were in the district. All the expense is borne by the city.

Chairman Hartley, of the street committee, asked for new macadam for Gem avenue as he said the people on that street had been asking for it for eight years.

William A. Lewis, president of the Board of Relief, appeared and as his request consisted wholly of salaries he was dismissed in a few minutes.

Director Billings said the increases in his department were only in the special appropriations asked for. He asked for four road rollers and the city auditor only provided him with one.

Asked why we wanted to lay wood-block pavement on Yellow Mill drawbridge the director said that he wanted to relieve the bridge of the 40 ton load of brick paving material which it was now carrying. The wood blocks will weigh less than ten tons.

"Col. Rogers told me the bridge was constructed with the idea of having it carry brick pavement," said the mayor. "Well we have had to appropriate \$3,000 to repair the bridge so that it would carry the brick pavement," replied Mr. French.

When Assistant Town Clerk Mullins appeared, the mayor asked about the bill of \$125 for making an alphabetical list of the taxpayers of the city and typewriting the same. He said he did not know who got the money and Mr. Mullins said that the clerk of the board of assessors furnished the list and did the work.

The mayor said that clerk of the board of the assessors was already in the service of the city.

The only new feature of the Board of Education's budget was a request for \$2,000 which President Marigold said was going to be used in establishing a room for instruction in the domestic sciences, cooking, dressmaking, selecting of meats and the carving. He said it was for girls between the ages of 13 and 16.

Mayor Lee said it would be better than teaching German. President Ober said that it would enable the parents to discover many defects in children that might otherwise escape unnoticed—such as poor hearing and poor vision.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

FINLAN KNOWS WHO OWES HIM

Hugh McKinnon Says that John T. Donovan Tagged the Wrong Man.

In the matter of the suit brought by Edward Finlan against the well known sporting man, John T. Donovan, Hugh McKinnon said today that Donovan's statement that the bill owed to Edward Finlan was against him is untrue. He said: "If an adjournment of the hearing for three weeks is granted, I will be able to prove to you that John T. Donovan is the man who owes him."

Deaths and Funerals.

The funeral of Owen Bowen, one of the oldest residents of East Bridgeport, was largely attended this morning from his late residence, 171 East Main street, at 9:30 o'clock and from St. Charles Church at 9 where Rev. William H. Lynch sang a high mass of requiem. Mrs. J. C. Lence sang "Face to Face, and the choir sang "Nearer my God to Thee."

Delegations were present from Court Pembroke, F. of A., and the New England Order of Protection. The pall bearers were Patrick Cuddy, Philip Orliman, Frederick Pitt, from the F. of A., and Christopher Flanagan, Albert Baker and James Kelley from the N. E. O. P. The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock from the late residence, 417 Barnum avenue, 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Earl Kenyon officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pierce, Jr., and their daughter sailed yesterday on the S. S. Adriatic for France where they will sojourn for two months.

POINTS OF INTEREST. Smith's Cream Ale, the best made, is an excellent winter tonic, pleasant to take, and wards off the effects of colds and the grip. It is bottled by M. J. Maloney, 86 Jones avenue and delivered to any part of the city upon receipt of order. Send postal card or call 2424-6 on the telephone.

How Is Your Appetite for fish for to-morrow's dinner? Call up Garry's Fish Market and see what they have on their list. If you have no appetite, they will certainly create one. The list of fine selected sea food includes: salmon, halibut, steak cod, spanish mackerel, sea-trout, flatfish, brook trout, green smelts, scallops, oysters, clams and lobsters. Garry's Fish Market, Cor. Wall and Middle Sts. Tel. 582.

Park City Theatre. We are still changing our pictures every night, and try to get as good a program as possible. If you haven't called at this up-to-date theatre drop in tonight and see the show that we have arranged, including the following: The Clown's Daughter; Too Much Snuff; Faithful Little Doggie; The Pawn; and For the Sake of a Uniform. Mr. Sweeney will sing and does full justice to the illustrated songs. Drop in and hear him. Newfield and Stratford avenues.

A Real Romance. Sometimes there are instances in life like those in the story books: An Atchison girl engaged herself to a carpenter, thinking he was poor, and discovered on the eve of her wedding day that he had \$150 in the bank. He had not told her, wishing her to love him for himself alone.—Atchison Globe.

A Big Bathtub. The tides run out swiftly in the bay of Fundy. A summer urchin, witnessing the phenomenon for the first time, yelled shrilly: "Mamma, look quick! Some one has pulled the plug out of the ocean!"

FOR ARTISTIC FLORAL WORK, CHOICE CUT FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

VISIT James Horan & Son Florists 943 Main St.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

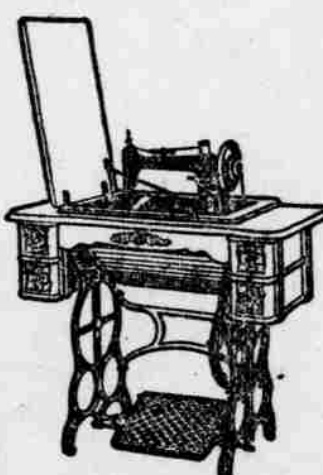
HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn., Thursday, February 4, 1909.

The Weather—Fair and warmer to night; Friday partly cloudy.

Howland machines are easily yours.



Nothing could be easier than the Howland club way of buying a sewing-machine. You simply give a promise, pay a dollar, get a machine delivered at your home, and pay the remainder of its price in a series of easily-cared for sums.

The machine itself is one that is through-and-through reliable. Each one is guaranteed by the store. Each will do any kind of sewing that a family machine is called on to do; and do it satisfactorily. Price is no criterion to judge by. Machines like the Howland are sold every day in every city at prices far higher than the store's. The low prices here are possible only because manufacturing costs and selling costs are held down.

There are no commissions or agents' expenses to be paid; the store buys and sells machines as it does all other merchandise—for cash and at small margin of profit.

Howland machines are high-grade machines at low price.

Eclipse, Reliance, and Charter Oak—the latter a rotary machine.—\$15 to \$39.

Only one thing will give you fair idea of Howland machines: come and inspect and test them. Do it now. The club membership list is open for but a limited time.

Third floor.

Handsome hair-dressing.

Stylish and attractive dressing of the hair, requires proper accompaniments. To furnish these, is the part of the store. It does that part well. Does it at a saving in money to you, too. You can count upon the right style and right quality of every article offered you in this store's hair-goods department. It would be foolish to put before you anything except correct styles and right quality.

Here are examples of what the store is doing right now:—

Triangle puffs, new and attractive,—\$3.50.

Chignon puffs, effective and tasteful,—\$1.85.

Psyche puffs, set of 3,—\$1.50.

Single puffs,—50c and 75c.

Pompadours, full and good, medium size, \$1.25; small size, 45c.

Marcel pompadours, particularly effective,—\$1.85.

Switches, made from long hair of natural hue, 16 to 22 inch,—\$1 to \$1.85.

Switches of natural wavy hair, wanted shades, 20 inches long,—\$1.85.

A preparation which restores gray or faded hair to natural color—Madeleine hair dye. Safe to use, sure of results,—\$1 bottle.

Third floor.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

A gown cut and fitted free.

No matter what the style or what the garment, you may have it cut and fitted by experts without charge. Simply buy your fabric here and now, paying 50 cents or more a yard.

All the bothersome part of dress-making is done away with. Much expense is saved. You can, in fact, do all the rest of the work yourself. That means the making of a new dress or costume without spending one extra cent.

You can count, too, on correct fit. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who are doing this work, are experts and artists. They know how; have demonstrated that in many cities. Are doing it here now.

And you can buy dress goods here at attractive prices. In fact, prices are specially attractive now. Fabrics are, too. New of style, rich and right of color. Why, they can't be anything but satisfactory.

Special square, near elevator.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

REORGANIZE THE FIDELITY FUNDING CO.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 4.—Steps were taken today by Receiver Morris and Patrick J. Kieran, head of the Fidelity Funding Company which recently failed, for about \$5,000,000, to evolve a plan whereby the concern can be put upon its feet again.

The plan consists of a reorganization rests with the banks and financial concerns which hold the collateral and paper of the Fidelity Funding Company.

COLUMBUS DAY HEARING PUT OFF

Hartford, Feb. 4.—Rev. Angelo DeToro, pastor of Holy Rosary church, and Deputy Sheriff Louis Richards, both of Bridgeport, led a large delegation of Italians from the Park City and other parts of the state to-day at the hearing before the judicial committee of the House of Representatives, concerning the bill which seeks to make Columbus day, October 12, a legal holiday.

Father DeToro and Sheriff Richards succeeded in obtaining an adjournment of the hearing for three weeks.

They were not prepared to go on with the hearing to-day and asked for more time to allow meetings to be held in various cities and ascertain the sentiment of the general public on the subject. Sheriff Richards is the father of the bill.

STATE TAX PROPOSED

(Continued on Second Page.) When the House convened today Representative George H. Knight of Lakeville was in the Speaker's chair in place of Speaker Banks. Representative Bulkeley of Weston, Representative Feeley of Portland, and Representative Gabb of Bloomfield, were appointed to serve as the committee on unfinished business.

Among the acts introduced was one which provides that an appeal from commitment of children to county homes shall be heard before a jury; one making it a crime to have liquor in one's possession with the intention of selling it; one which provides that the telephone companies shall provide telephones to municipal governments and police officers at half rates; one providing that in a place of less than 10,000 people only property owners and taxpayers shall vote in town meetings.

An act of special interest to grocers was introduced regarding the sale of eggs. It provides that all eggs shall be marked in letters of not less than an inch high whether they are cold storage, preserved or fresh.

MAYOR RECEIVES REPORT

It cost the city of New York 25 cents in postage to send to Mayor Lee a copy of the voluminous annual message of Mayor McClellan. The publication is a very handsome product of the printer's art.

KELLY ESTATE

An inventory of the estate of the late Margaret Kelly, filed in the Probate court, shows \$500 in real estate and \$550.73 in personal property.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued today to John W. Stelle, a clerk, and Annie, daughter of August and Bertha Schulz, both of this city; and to Jack Hughes, aged 51, divorced, a salesman of New York, and Anna, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Morehouse of Westport.

FORMER FIREMAN ILL. Henry Biebel, a former member of the fire department, is seriously ill at his home, 283 Beardsley street.

WANT ADS. CENT A WORD.

Ladies' Home Journal PATTERNS

We have the agency for the Ladies' Home Journal Patterns, and in a few days will have them placed in our store, and ready to serve the people of Bridgeport.

All the new Spring Styles in the great variety for which the Ladies' Home Journal pattern people are noted will be carried at our store.

Every possible convenience for pleasant and satisfactory attention will be accorded.

Watch the Farmer for announcement, when we have them ready for your choosings.

Kleban & Gelman

1138-1140-1142-1144 MAIN STREET

COURT MAKES DECISIONS

Several Plaintiffs Get Judgments—Ten Dollars for Fence; \$1,000 Asked.

Judge Scott in the Common Pleas court to-day rendered a decision in favor of James Stone, administrator of the estate of John Stone, against James A. Price and others. The plaintiff claimed that a promissory note of \$1,038, given by Mary O. Tuttle as a mortgage on property at Maplewood avenue and Poplar street, and to Andrew Price, for property at Howard and Maplewood avenues, was overdue. Mary Tuttle conveyed the property to James Price, against whom the suit was brought. The defendants have until the first Tuesday in May to redeem.

A decision was given in favor of Gross & Ferrere of this city against Steven Yankis, also of this city, for \$100 and costs. The plaintiffs in the case, gave Yankis a promissory note for \$100.

Fidelicia Loperel was ordered to pay \$10 and costs to Joseph and Carmella Proneo of this city. It was proven that the defendant had torn down a fence belonging to the plaintiffs on North Washington avenue and had built property encroaching over the property of the plaintiffs several inches. Asked \$1,000 damages.

TAFT CLAIMS \$2,500 DAMAGES

Widening of Golden Hill Street Compels Removal of His Printing Plant.

Notice of a suit for \$2,500 damages against the city will be filed to-morrow by Daniel Taft through his attorneys, Shapiro & Shapiro. Taft owns a fence building plant in the brick building at Middle and Golden Hill streets and claims that he is subjected to great loss by having to move his shop by reason of the widening of the street.

SEVERAL PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH

Big Fire Raging in Altoona Which Taxes Entire Fire Department.

(Special from United Press.) Altoona, Pa., Feb. 4.—Several persons are believed to have been killed in a fire which broke out at noon to-day in the Thomas Weir Block and is still raging. The entire city fire department is fighting the flames.

The flames spread so rapidly that the fire is believed to be of incendiary origin. The block was occupied by many foreign families.

LOST STEAMER STILL UNKNOWN

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 4.—The first clue to the mysterious steamer which sank off Cape Hatteras last Sunday was developed to-day by William Steigel who was given passage for the Diamond Shoals lightship from this port aboard the steamer Zulia from Venezuela.

Steigel says that about 8:45 Sunday morning he caught sight of the steamer in distress at a distance of about nine miles from the lightship. She sank soon afterward. She was a small steamer, black-funnelled, black-hulled steamer resembling the smaller of the Clyde liners.

CHICAGO WOULD RIVAL PITTSBURG

(Special from United Press.) Chicago, Feb. 4.—The beginning of a new movement by Chicago business men to wrest supremacy in the steel industry from Pittsburgh began today when it was announced that the Inter-Ocean Steel Company, a \$2,500,000 concern, within six weeks will begin the construction of a mammoth new steel plant at Chicago Heights, a suburb.

The new plant, it is announced, aims to rival the largest steel plants in the country. Chief backers are Arthur Meeker, John S. Burdick, and E. C. Converse, W. T. Graham and F. H. Easton of New York.

TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES. (Special from United Press.) Washington, Feb. 4.—A measure of the industrial depression in the Lake region during the shipping season of 1908 is given in a report issued to-day by the department of commerce and labor, summing up the volume of traffic on the Great Lakes.

The domestic shipments of merchandise from the various lake towns was 60,618,024 tons compared with 83,606,091 and 75,609,648 tons shipped during 1907 and 1906. The decrease in 1908 was due largely to the falling off in shipments of iron ores, coal and salt.

ONE TRAINMAN KILLED. Chicago, Feb. 4.—One trainman was killed, one badly hurt and half a dozen passengers slightly injured early today when a switch engine collided head-on with a crowded Illinois Central suburban train.

WORK OF SEWER COMMISSION DONE

Has No Authority to Proceed With \$3,000,000 Project.

B. D. Pierce, Sr., a member of the Sewer Commission, said this morning, that in transmitting their report to the Common Council, the commission has gone as far as it is authorized to go. No steps will be taken by the commission to procure the investment of \$1,750,000 in a system which will ultimately cost \$3,000,000.

The commission has given much time to the project. The members are Mr. Pierce, Frank J. Mulcahy, George M. Eames, and S. T. Davis, Jr.

The members will not render a bill for services, either for automobile hire, for entertainment of visiting engineers or for any other matter.

In this they are making a divergence from the methods of the members of the Building Laws Commission, appointed about the same time, who have put in a bill for \$2,000.

RIVETT GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE

(Special from United Press.) Lowell, Mass., Feb. 4.—After being out only half an hour, jury here today found Napoleon Rivett guilty in the first degree of the murder of Joseph Galloux. The object of the crime was insurance money.

Scouring South Jersey For Women's Assaultants

(Special from United Press.) Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—Poses of armed men are to-day scouring South Jersey woods intent upon the apprehension of two men, one a negro and the other white, accused of attacks on women and children. A Gloucester City, Miss. woman was attacked by a stranger in her home. Her assailant used a powerful drug in silencing her and escaped before a mob discovery. Another enticed a girl member of a Polish family into the woods near her home.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY FLOODED. (Special from United Press.) San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Reports from the upper Sacramento Valley to-day say that the flood situation has become worse and that the inhabitants of the small towns in the vicinity of Red Bluff were fleeing to the highlands for refuge. The Southern Pacific officials report that traffic has been suspended between San Francisco and Portland as a result of serious washouts.

Hotel Grafters. The proprietor of one of the largest hotels in New York, speaking of the uses made by nonpaying customers of his house, said to a rural guest a few days ago: "We have a large number of patrons from whom we never collect a cent, although we have no such thing as a free list. They come here in the morning, pick up a castoff paper, which they read, keeping an eye open for another, which they grab as soon as it is dropped. After reading awhile they stand at the ticker, often giving long lectures to their fellows on financial conditions and stock possibilities. The overcoat becomes burdensome, and it is taken to the check room, where its owner knows it will be perfectly safe. Then, if they can tear themselves from the ticker, letters are written on our stationery. They do not use our telephones because we charge an extra 5 cents for the call, but they carry home matches, toothpicks, blank cards and blotters and use up the soap and the towels. They also take generous nibbles of the cheese and crackers in the cafe. The strangest part of all is this: that the majority of this class are well to do and highly respectable, and on that account we do not shut them out."—New York Tribune.

The Sleeping Sickness. The terrible sleeping sickness of tropical Africa is discussed at length in an article in Popular Mechanics. The disease, which long baffled scientists, is spread by the tsetse fly, a bloodsucking, day flying insect. On the approach of either man or animal at a river crossing in the densest forest the victim is soon scented out by the fly. If there is one in the vicinity, and then, either silently or with a peevish buzz, it makes straight for the most accessible spot and gives its stab. The usual course of the disease is from four to eight months. At the outset there are headache, a feverish condition, lassitude and a corresponding disinclination to work. The facial aspect changes, and a previously happy and intelligent looking negro becomes instead dull, heavy and apathetic. Later, tremor in the tongue develops, speech is uncertain, and mumbling, walk shuffling and progressive weakness, drowsiness and oblivion to his surroundings afflict the sufferer. The last stage is marked by extreme emaciation and a coma deepening into death.